Non-release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu

2095. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government wilfully defied the order of the Supreme Court to release Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether a contempt case filed against Karnataka Government by Tamil Nadu Government is still pending with Supreme Court;

(c) whether Karnataka's action led to an extraordinary situation of how to deal with an erring executive by the judiciary; and

(d) whether Centre is taking steps to see such piquant situation does not arise in future?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) to (d) For non-compliance of Supreme Court order by Karnataka, the State of Tamil Nadu has filed Contempt Petitions in September and October, 2002 which are before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.The Supreme Court of India during its hearing on 1st November, 2002 had deferred the decision with regard to the action to be taken by the Supreme Court for non-compliance of the Supreme Court's order.

Sardar Sarovar Project

2096. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: